

S. RES. 210

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 210, a resolution designating the week beginning on November 9, 2009, as National School Psychology Week.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. KERRY:

S. 1444. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the meaning of "combat with the enemy" for purposes of service-connection of disabilities; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, in order to reduce a 400,000 case backlog in disability claims, I am introducing legislation to make it easier for our veterans to enroll in Department of Veteran Affairs', VA, disability programs. Specifically, the Compensation Owed for Mental Health Based on Activities in Theater Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Act or COMBAT PTSD Act will change the definition of "combat with the enemy" so veterans can more easily be enrolled in PTSD programs.

It has become apparent that the nature of modern warfare is vastly different than it was in previous generations. In the past veterans were confronted with an identifiable enemy, on a battlefield that was much more easily discernible. This is no longer the case forcing our military to adapt to the changes of the battlefield. They have done so admirably—their ability to shift from a force designed to deliver quick decisive blows to a full spectrum force has been extremely impressive. Every American can agree that the men and women in uniform today deserve nothing but the best resources available to them.

Unfortunately, when our veterans return home they too often find a wait of approximately six months for their claims to the VA to be filed. This is unacceptable. It most certainly does not reflect the level of sacrifice and commitment that they have given to this nation. I know we can do better.

During previous conflicts the definition of "combat with the enemy" was simply determined by an individual's appearance on the front lines. However, today's battlefields may not include a front line as they have in past conflicts. We are using a 20th century model to diagnose and treat individuals returning from a 21st century conflict.

My legislation reflects these changes in conflict to ensure that our men and women in the military gain access to VA programs as soon as possible. It changes the VA's definition of "combat with the enemy" to include those that have served in a theater of operations, or in combat against a hostile force during a period of hostilities. This will more accurately reflect the current face of conflict.

President Obama's recent increase in the number of VA claim processors is

certainly a good start, but those of us in Congress need to do our part to support this effort. With nearly 400,000 claims unprocessed it is time that we expedite this process. The men and women who have served honorably in our Nation's military who need our help cannot return to a bureaucratic maze.

I ask all my colleagues to support this legislation.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself and Mr. LUGAR) (by request):

S.J. Res. 18. A joint resolution relating to the approval of the proposed agreement for nuclear cooperation between the United States and the United Arab Emirates; to the Committee on Foreign Relations for not to exceed 45 days pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 2159.

Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, today Senator LUGAR and I introduce, by request, a joint resolution of approval of the proposed agreement for peaceful nuclear cooperation between the United States and the United Arab Emirates, which the President transmitted to Congress on May 21, 2009, pursuant to section 123b. and 123d. of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended. Pursuant to Section 130i.(2) of that Act, the majority and minority leaders have designated Senator LUGAR and me to introduce this joint resolution.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 1469. Mr. LEVIN (for himself and Mr. MCCAIN) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1390, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes..

SA 1470. Mr. PRYOR submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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SA 1473. Mr. BINGAMAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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SA 1475. Mr. CARDIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1476. Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. ENSIGN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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SA 1482. Mr. BURRIS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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SA 1484. Mr. GREGG submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1485. Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mr. KENNEDY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1486. Mr. SCHUMER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1487. Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. WYDEN, Mrs. HAGAN, and Ms. MURKOWSKI) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1390, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1488. Mr. ENSIGN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1489. Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself and Mr. INHOFE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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SA 1491. Mr. PRYOR submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1492. Mr. BARRASSO (for himself and Mr. ENZI) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1493. Mr. GREGG (for himself and Mrs. SHAHEEN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1494. Mrs. HUTCHISON submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1390, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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SA 1496. Mr. THUNE (for himself and Mr. JOHNSON) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1497. Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. CORNYN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1498. Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. SESSIONS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1499. Mr. INHOFE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, *supra*; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1500. Mr. GRASSLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, *supra*; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1501. Mr. BOND (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. PRYOR, and Mr. BYRD) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, *supra*; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1502. Mr. REID (for Mr. COBURN (for himself and Mr. FEINGOLD)) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1233, to reauthorize and improve the SBIR and STTR programs and for other purposes.

SA 1503. Mr. NELSON, of Florida (for himself and Mr. VITTER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1504. Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself and Mr. CRAPO) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1390, *supra*; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 1469. Mr. LEVIN (for himself and Mr. MCCAIN) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1390, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the end of subtitle A of title I, add the following:

SEC. 106. ELIMINATION OF F-22A AIRCRAFT PROCUREMENT FUNDING.

(a) **ELIMINATION OF FUNDING.**—The amount authorized to be appropriated by section 103(1) for procurement for the Air Force for aircraft procurement is hereby decreased by \$1,750,000,000, with the amount of the decrease to be derived from amounts available for F-22A aircraft procurement.

(b) **RESTORED FUNDING.**—

(1) **OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, ARMY.**—The amount authorized to be appropriated by section 301(1) for operation and maintenance for the Army is hereby increased by \$350,000,000.

(2) **OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, NAVY.**—The amount authorized to be appropriated by section 301(2) for operation and maintenance for the Navy is hereby increased by \$100,000,000.

(3) **OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR FORCE.**—The amount authorized to be appropriated by section 301(4) for operation and maintenance for the Air Force is hereby increased by \$250,000,000.

(4) **OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, DEFENSE-WIDE.**—The amount authorized to be appropriated by section 301(5) for operation and maintenance for Defense-wide activities is hereby increased by \$150,000,000.

(5) **MILITARY PERSONNEL.**—The amount authorized to be appropriated by section 421(a)(1) for military personnel is hereby increased by \$400,000,000.

(6) **DIVISION A AND DIVISION B GENERALLY.**—In addition to the amounts specified in paragraphs (1) through (5), the total amount au-

thorized to be appropriated for the Department of Defense by divisions A and B is hereby increased by \$500,000,000.

SA 1470. Mr. PRYOR submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 37, between lines 7 and 8, insert the following:

SEC. 125. REPEAL OF REQUIREMENT TO MAINTAIN CERTAIN C-130E AIRCRAFT.

Section 134 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Public Law 110-181; 122 Stat. 31) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b), by striking “specified in subsection (d)” and inserting “specified in subsection (c)”;

(2) by striking subsection (c); and

(3) by redesignating subsection (d) as subsection (c).

SA 1471. Mr. PRYOR submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ RELEASE OF REVERSIONARY INTEREST.

The United States releases to the State of Arkansas the reversionary interest described in sections 2 and 3 of the Act entitled “An Act authorizing the transfer of part of Camp Joseph T. Robinson to the State of Arkansas”, approved June 30, 1950 (64 Stat. 311, chapter 429), in and to the surface estate of the land constituting Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Arkansas, which is comprised of 40.515 acres of land to be acquired by the United States of America and 40.513 acres to be acquired by the City of North Little Rock, Arkansas, and lies in sections 6, 8, and 9 of township 2 North, Range 12 West, Pulaski County, Arkansas.

SA 1472. Mr. PRYOR submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle D of title II, add the following:

SEC. 252. MODIFICATION OF REPORTING REQUIREMENT FOR DEFENSE NANOTECHNOLOGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.

Section 246 of the Bob Stump National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2003 (Public Law 107-314; 10 U.S.C. 2358 note) is amended by striking subsection (e) and inserting the following new subsection (e):

“(e) **REPORTS.**—The Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics shall submit to the National Science and Technology Council information on the program that covers the information described in paragraphs (1) through (5) of section 2(d) of the 21st Century Nanotechnology Research and Development Act (15 U.S.C. 7501(d)) to be included in the annual report submitted by the Council under that section.”.

SA 1473. Mr. BINGAMAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 590, lines 7 through 9, strike “for the National Nuclear Security Administration or for defense environmental cleanup”.

SA 1474. Mr. BINGAMAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle C of title I, add the following:

SEC. 125. AC-130 GUNSHIPS.

(a) **REPORT ON REDUCTION IN SERVICE LIFE IN CONNECTION WITH ACCELERATED DEPLOYMENT.**—Not later than December 31, 2009, the Secretary of the Air Force shall submit to the congressional defense committees an assessment of the reduction in the service life of AC-130 gunships of the Air Force as a result of the accelerated deployments of such gunships that are anticipated during the seven- to ten-year period beginning with the date of the enactment of this Act, assuming that operating tempo continues at a rate per year of the average of their operating rate for the last five years.

(b) **ELEMENTS.**—The report required by subsection (a) shall include the following:

(1) An estimate by series of the maintenance costs for the AC-130 gunships during the period described in subsection (a), including any major airframe and engine overhauls of such aircraft anticipated during that period.

(2) A description by series of the age, serviceability, and capabilities of the armament systems of the AC-130 gunships.

(3) An estimate by series of the costs of modernizing the armament systems of the AC-130 gunships to achieve any necessary capability improvements.

(4) A description by series of the age and capabilities of the electronic warfare systems of the AC-130 gunships, and an estimate of the cost of upgrading such systems during that period to achieve any necessary capability improvements.

(5) A description by series of the age of the avionics systems of the AC-130 gunships, and an estimate of the cost of upgrading such systems during that period to achieve any necessary capability improvements.

(6) An estimate of the costs of replacing the AC-130 gunships with AC-130J gunships, including—